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Overall Rhode Island establishment employment climbed to 459,300 in September as a result of education - related gains in the nonmanufacturing sector along with some seasonal hiring in manufacturing, reported John S. Renza, Director of the Rhode Island Department of Employment Security. Despite the monthly gain of 3,400, the current jobs total, still impacted by a continuing labor dispute in the Communications industry, remains 1,200 below the year ago September level.

Nonmanufacturing employment rose by 2,300 to 347,100 in the August-September period and was up 1,000 compared to a year ago. Employment levels in Services, at 1,700, and Government, at 1,100, reflected the return of school personnel. In addition, an increase of 100 workers was reported in Transportation/Public Utilities. Trade employment was off 400 for the month while declines of 100 each were posted in Contract Construction and Finance, Insurance and Real Estate.

Manufacturing employment rose by 1,100 in September to 112,200. Compared to a year ago, however, factory jobs were down 2,200. Employment levels in both Durable Goods (+600) and Nondurable Goods (+500) increased from the previous month. Job gains of 200 each were recorded in Electrical Machinery, Jewelry-Silverware and Food-Beverage followed by smaller upturns of 100 each in Stone-Clay-Glass, Nonelectrical Machinery, Apparel, Chemical Products and Plastics Products. The remaining segments - six in Durable Goods and five in Nondurable Goods were unchanged from August to September. The September work week averaged 39.5 hours, up 0.3 of an hour from last month, but down 0.1 of an hour compared to a year ago. Production workers averaged $9.14 in September, up 4 cents form August and 51 cents from September 1988.

Rhode Island's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate was estimated at 3.9 percent in September, up one-tenth of a percent from August. This rate has shown little change over the past five months, but is up 0.6 percent from last September. The unadjusted unemployment rate rose from 3.6 percent in August to 4.0 percent last month which was also 0.6 percent higher than last September. The number of unemployed persons in Rhode Island increased to 21,000 in September, up 1,600 over the month and 3,000 over the year.

Nationally, the civilian unadjusted unemployment rate in September was unchanged from last month's estimate of 5.1 percent. The current U.S. seasonally adjusted rate increased a tenth of a percent to 5.3 percent from an estimated 5.2 percent in August.

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RHODE ISLAND

Labor Force - Unemployment Estimates
(In Thousands)

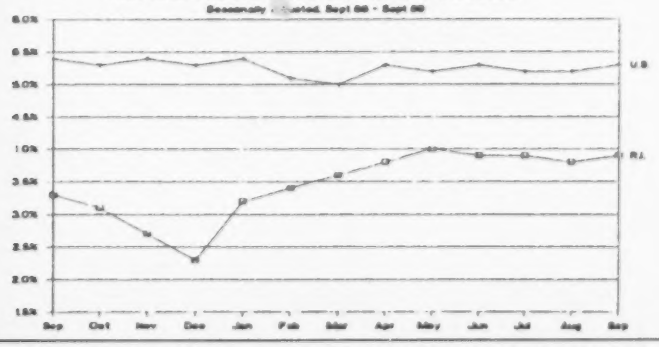
	September 1989	August 1989	September 1988
Civilian Labor Force	527.9	534.5	532.8
Unemployment	21.0	19.4	18.0
Rate (Unadjusted)	4.0	3.6	3.4
Seasonally Adjusted Rate	3.9	3.8	3.3

UNITED STATES

Labor Force - Unemployment Estimates
(In Thousands)

	September 1989	August 1989	September 1988
Civilian Labor Force	123,828	125,444	121,842
Unemployment	6,330	6,352	6,368
Rate (Unadjusted)	5.1	5.1	5.2
Seasonally Adjusted Rate	5.3	5.2	5.4

R.I. and U.S. UNEMPLOYMENT RATES



TOTAL ESTABLISHMENT EMPLOYMENT IN RHODE ISLAND

	EMPLOYMENT (In Thousands) Sept 1989	Aug 1989	Sept 1988	NET CHANGE FROM Aug 1989	Sept 1988
TOTAL EMPLOYMENT	459.3	455.9	460.5	+ 3400	- 1200
MANUFACTURING	112.2	111.1	114.4	+ 1100	- 2200
NONMANUFACTURING	347.1	344.8	346.1	+ 2300	+ 1000
CONTRACT CONSTRUCTION	23.3	23.4	22.2	- 100	+ 1100
TRANS. & PUBLIC UTILITIES	14.4*	14.3*	15.8	+ 100	- 1400
TRADE (Wholesale & Retail)	105.2	105.6	104.8	- 400	+ 400
FINANCE, INS. & REAL ESTATE	26.7	26.8	26.6	- 100	+ 100
SERVICE (Miscellaneous)	119.2	117.5	118.2	+ 1700	+ 1000
GOVERNMENT	58.3	57.2	58.5	+ 1100	- 200

*Labor Dispute

ESTABLISHMENT EMPLOYMENT, EARNINGS AND HOURS IN MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES IN R.I.

September 1989

	EMPLOYMENT (In Thousands)	PRODUCTION-WORKER AVERAGES Weekly Earnings	Weekly Hours	Hourly Earnings
ALL MANUFACTURING	112.2	361.03	39.5	9.14
DURABLE GOODS	76.1	356.06	39.3	9.06
LUMBER/FURNITURE	3.1	435.81	39.8	10.95
STONE-CLAY-GLASS	1.9	495.72	40.8	12.15
PRIMARY METALS	4.3	427.98	42.5	10.07
FABRICATED METALS	8.8	356.38	41.2	8.65
NONELECTRIC MACH	5.7	462.73	41.5	11.15
ELECTRICAL MACH	10.8	337.85	38.7	8.73
TRANS. EQUIPMENT	9.0	443.84	38.0	11.68
INSTRUMENTS	4.7	376.40	40.3	9.34
JEWELRY-SILVERWARE	21.5	290.94	39.0	7.46
MISCELLANEOUS MFG	6.3	276.75	35.3	7.84
NONDURABLE GOODS	36.1	372.27	39.9	9.33
FOOD-BEVERAGE	2.9	369.29	41.4	8.92
TEXTILES	9.7	324.39	39.9	8.13
APPAREL	2.2	303.46	40.3	7.53
PAPER PRODUCTS	2.6	361.90	40.8	8.87
PRINTING-PUBLISHING	6.9	467.54	36.3	12.88
CHEMICAL PRODUCTS	3.4	466.07	41.8	11.15
RUBBER PRODUCTS	1.4	404.50	42.4	9.54
PLASTICS PRODUCTS	4.9	380.95	40.1	9.50
LEATHER PRODUCTS	2.1	280.16	41.2	6.80

Farmers, Self-employed, Domestic and Armed Services personnel are excluded from the Establishment Employment figures. Current month figures are PRELIMINARY. Prior month and year figures are REVISED